Discharge of acting hands and re-entertainment of disbanded men in their stead in the Survey Department.

52. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has ordered the discharge of certain acting hands and the re-entertainment of certain disbanded persons in their stead in the Survey Department ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the principle on which he has done so ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Juniors were discharged to provide for the disbanded subordinates of the Survey and L. R. M. Department who were seniors.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the seniority was determined according to the date of first entertainment or according to service ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : According to the date of first entertainment.

Gradation list of disbanded subordinates of the survey and L. R. M. Department.

53. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any gradation list of the disbanded subordinates of the Survey and Land Records Maintenance Department ;

(*b*) if so, whether that list has been approved by the Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner ;

(*c*) whether the Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner had sent any communication to the Superintendent of Survey, asking him to follow strictly the gradation list above referred to in the matter of appointments and confirmations ; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Superintendent of Survey has followed it and, if not, why not ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) The Superintendent, Travancore Survey, has followed the instructions in the matter and has provided eight men included in the list with permanent places and 15 men included in the list with acting or temporary appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : With regard to part (*d*), may I know whether the Superintendent, Travancore Survey, has appointed anybody in disregard of this order of the Land Revenue Commissioner ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that. That information has not been called for.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will call for that information?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Compassionate allowance for the widow and children of Kochukunju Pillai, late teacher in the Kunnam V. M. School.

54. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Kochukunju Pillai, who was an assistant teacher in the Kunnam V. M. School, was murdered last year and his widow has applied for some allowance for her maintenance and for the education of her children; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on that application?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There is an application from the widow for compassionate allowance and her claim is under investigation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know at what stage the investigation is at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan Peishkar has been asked to report about the circumstances.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That report has not been received?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Punishment of Proverthicar for omission of names in the voters' lists at the last election.

55. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the taluk of Kalkulam or Agastisvaram any Proverthicar was punished for omitting the names of persons eligible to vote for the Legislative Council during the last elections?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Delay in carrying out works budgeted for the current year.

56. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the works allotted and budgeted for the current year are not taken up till now (9-4-1108)?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Unless the works are specified, it is not possible to locate the delay, if there be any.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether any of the public works allotted for the Kottayam Division has been taken up till now?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, the question is vaguely worded.

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